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Tawonga and District Community Association Inc.



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Committee meets 5.00pm first Friday of February, May, August and November at the Old Tawonga Store

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We welcome your contributions to this newsletter!!

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Pioneer Park New Shelter Update

Our new shelter is finished and if the weather would only fine up, the landscaping would be finalised.

Cathy McGowan will officially open the shelter on the 11th October and we would love to see everyone there.

Whilst Cathy McGowan might be coming to officially open the shelter, Pipere Stonebridge nursing son Alfie, with grandma Gina Sauervein and Evie Sauervein in the pusher, were our first patrons.



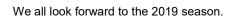
Tawonga residents raised some safety concerns around the access pathway into Pioneer Park at the AGM on 3rd August 2018. These were communicated to Alpine Shire in a written report followed by a site meeting on 21 August 2018 which looked at long term solutions to overall pedestrian safety and traffic management in Tawonga Central.

A big thank you to Alpine Shire who have since erected a barrier as an immediate measure to improve pedestrian safety whilst egressing the park. The committee look forward to working with Alpine Shire on future improvements for a safer Tawonga Central.



CONGRATULATIONS to all of the players, supporters, parents and committee on a successful 2018 Football / Netball season. Unfortunately no teams made the finals this year but the club should be very proud of their season outcomes. It's worth noting that a team was present at all levels including the newest football team - Under 12's.

Lots of happy kids attended the end of year presentation ceremony with some Tawonga Juniors receiving trophies and medallions.



Go Bombers!!



Obituary



Rob Clode died on the 24th July this year, exactly one month short of his 77th birthday.

Rob along with his sister Jan and brother Les, grew up in Melbourne and after leaving school was apprenticed to the SEC as an Electrical Fitter.

He was still with the SEC when he moved to Mt. Beauty but after a period of time he left to become a pilot, flying light planes in and around Kalgoorlie.

Upon his retirement Rob moved to Orbost/Marlo where his good friends, Jack and Flva Smith lived

In the early 1990's Rob decided to return to the north-east where in his semi-retirement, he went to work as a garage attendant for John Arundel.

Rob and Ethel had a special relationship that continued even after Rob suffered a stroke and went to live in Kiewa Valley House.

Our condolences and sincere sympathy go out to Ethel and her family, and to Rob's sister and brother and their families.



A Card from the Military Camp Seymour

This beautifully hand-made card was sent to Mrs Ada Ryder on the 3rd November 1916 by Waverly Hardisty – a young farm hand who worked around the local district.

On the back of the card is a short note -

"...where I am in the Seymour Camp and having a jolly time never as happy in my life...camp life is simply lovely...let them know where I am...fifteen hundred in this camp we have great amusements."

A young Waverly Hardisty along with his two brothers farmed the land in Simmonds

Creek Road where Annapurna Estate is now located.

WW1 saw all three brothers enlist but upon their return to Australia, they left Tawonga and went to live with their mother and other family members in Wandiligong.

Eric Higginson, Dot Andersen and Lorna Mills all remembered the Hardisty brothers but nobody appears to have a photograph of these gallant men

Can you help?



NEW EATERY FOR TAWONGA

Tawonga local Emma Handley recently reopened the old Masonic Lodge in Tawonga as Templar Lodge restaurant. Emma has years of experience as a chef starting as a 14year old working in a Mexican restaurant followed by some of Melbourne's great food places.

More recently Emma worked at the prestigious one hat restaurant, Villa Gusto in the Buckland Valley. Templar Lodge is currently open for dinner Thursday to Sunday until the warmer weather arrives, when the opening hours will be extended.

Good luck with your new venture Emma!



CFA News

Have you seen our NEW lights?? They are big and bright and certainly light the way for us!!

THANK YOU to the AGL Hydro Community Support Fund who granted us the funds to make this project happen. Safety lighting was a high priority for us at our equipment shed. These lights have certainly made our working environment safer for our members, especially when attending

call outs after hours.

We thank AGL Hydro for supporting our Brigade and our community.

Our Bunnings BBQ Crew are ready to go with our next BBQ coming up on the 22nd September. IF you're in town that day make sure you pop into Bunnings Wodonga and grab a sausage.



In July, Tawonga RFB were lucky enough to be chosen to host one of the West Peak Hotel's Community Raffles. A fabulous **ST PEAK \$715 was made on the night! Thanks to everyone who came along on the night and THANKS to the West Peak Hotel for giving us the opportunity.

Did you know that Tawonga RFB have a facebook page?? Look us up and give us a LIKE to keep up to date with things happening within our brigade.

Don't forget, if your heading out for dinner on a Saturday night, that our members run a weekly raffle at the Settlers Tavern. Yummy Meat Trays from the Tawonga South Butchers, Awesome Fruit & Vegie Boxes from Kiwi's and of course drinks from the Tavern are the prizes on offer. Always a great night!

For anyone keen to learn more about our brigade, the station is busy every Saturday morning with our volunteers checking radios and equipment. You can call in and say Hi over a coffee or come along to our monthly meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the station.

PS. I hear that there is a raffle coming up soon with some pretty cool "Get Ready for Summer" prizes on offer.. Keep your eyes and ears out for that one!!



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Farewell to Dot Herbert

Dot Herbert and son Mark are retiring and going to live in



The Tawonga community are going to hold a farewell morning tea for Dot and Mark on Sunday 23rd September at 10.30am in the new shelter in Pioneer Park.

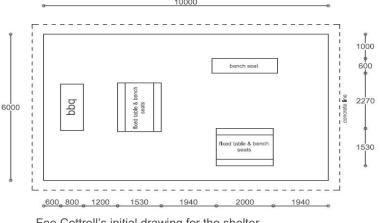
It would be fantastic if everyone could come along, reminisce and wish Dot all the best for the future.

Tea, Coffee and Granny Barb scones provided but an extra plate of yummy cake or slice would be appreciated.

Nesta Drew – a stalwart of the Tawonga community has decided to move into Westmont at Baranduda. We wish her good health and happiness in her new surrounds.

A massive thank you to all working on the Pioneer Park Shelter build





Fee Cottrell's initial drawing for the shelter



Obituary

Charles Desmond Baker (or Des as we all knew him) was born on the 24 November 1924 at the Yackandandah Hospital, the 12th child to John and Violet Baker.

Des grew up on the family farm at Coral Bank, the youngest of 12 children. He attended school at Mullindolingong, walking there and back each day until his final year when he was gifted a bike to ride.

Des shared many stories about his time at the Mullindolingong school. The school mates he had, that he was a champion runner, winning every race and even a school trophy, of class trips to the river where a man was washed down stream only to be rescued by a fellow classmate and the funeral processions that would pass by the school window on their way to the cemetery.

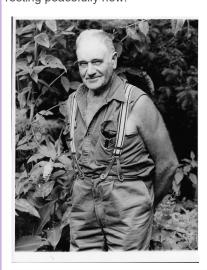
On finishing school, Des worked on the family farm until its sale in 1997. Farm life back then was not easy. Des worked hard, often blaming the hard work as the reason why his legs were so tired in later life. He shared memories of the battle to save the family home and farm from the 1939 bushfires, of the way farm life was, the machinery they used and the crops they grew.

After the sale, Des moved to town, eventually settling in a new home with his sister, Iris in Tawonga. Here he could enjoy his garden, and rest beside his fire in winter.

Des passed away peacefully on the 26th July 2018 at Kiewa Valley House, Mt Beauty and is now resting amongst family in Yackandandah.

He is remembered fondly by all of his nieces and nephews, especially lan. They share many stories of visits to the farm and time spent listening to old stories.

We will remember Des, as a great neighbor and friend, as a great story teller and sharer of the Valley history. Des was a quiet achiever who will be missed by many, resting peacefully now.





Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Tawonga District Community Association (TDCA) was held on the 3rd August 2018 with Eric Napier being appointed President, Sue Ryder appointed Secretary and Barbara Talbot appointed Treasurer.

Eric thanked the previous TDCA office bearers for their hard work, commitment and achievements over the last twelve months and is looking forwarded to working with the association and the Tawonga community to keep the development projects rolling along.

The TDCA is keeping its subscription fees the same as last year - \$5 single and \$10 a double. We welcome new members, simply complete the membership form below and drop off at the Old Tawonga Store (where additional membership forms are available).

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Residential Address
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hereby apply to become a member of the Tawonga and District Community
Association for 2018 - 2019
Membership Fee: Single \$5.00; Couple \$10; Business/Corporate \$15
Payment: Cash or Cheque – please place your payment in an envelope with your name and membership category clearly indicated and return to Tawonga Store.
EFT Payment to TDCA:
BSB: 063-722 Account Number: 1006 0869
Account Name: Tawonga & District Community Association Inc
Important: Please ensure you add your name as a reference
I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.
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